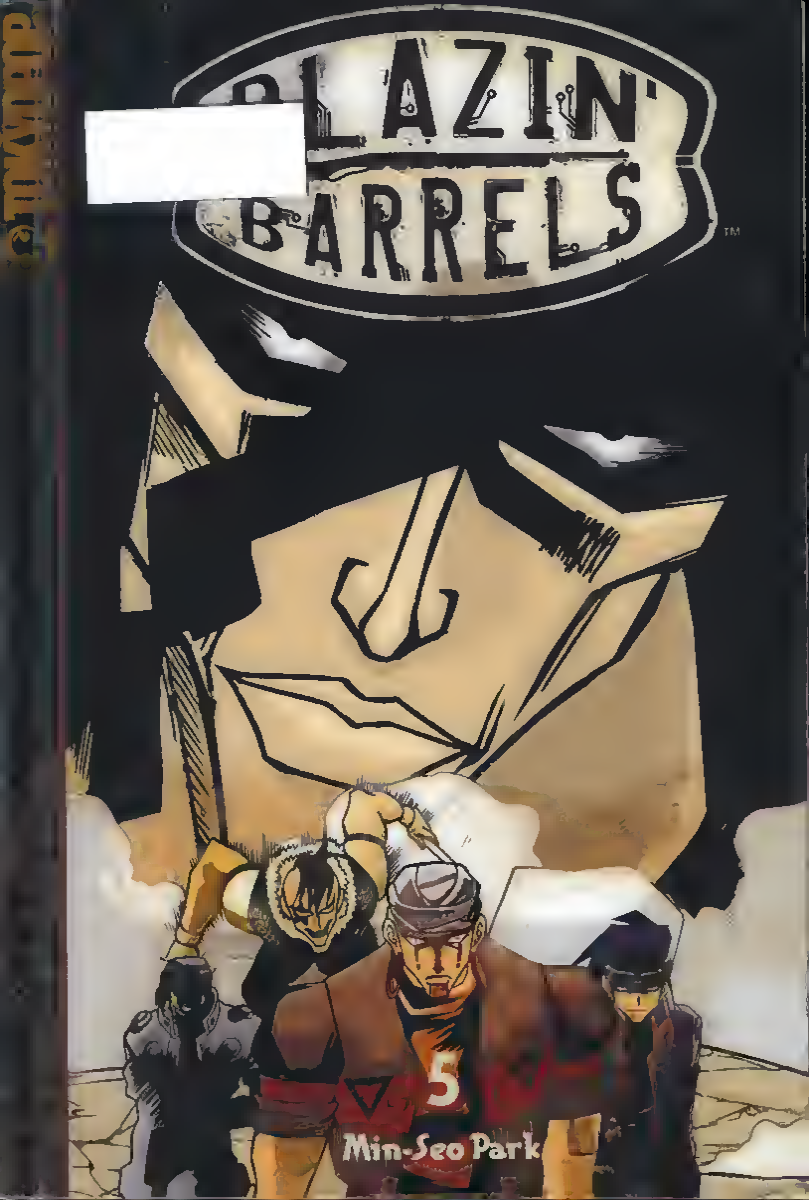
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Four Bears and Sting face off against Manson, but when the grueling fight ends, Sting has the chance to kill Manson once and for all! But Sting's conscience begins to nag him—does he really want to become a murderer like the bounty he's hunting?

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CHARACTERS:

STING

Friendly, harmless, naïve-looking, and possibly narcoleptic, Sting is also an excellent fighter. Broke and new in town, Sting is trying to earn money as a bounty hunter–someone who hunts down criminals for reward money.

Bounty Hunters:

LEANNE McDUFF

Also known as "Fast Sword" McDuff, this cunning but sometimes ditzy bounty hunter met Sting when he literally ran into her with his small vehicle.

CHUCK BLACK

A well known bounty hunter Sting tried to team up with him, but Chuck wouldn't allow it

MARK VALENTINE

Tammy's brother and a friend of Sting's He's on a mission to find Sting's father

KISKE

A bounty hunter with a bad attitude who has the misfortune of teaming up with Sting

Others:

MAJOR FLEETWOOD

Sting's father. A former secret agent for the North and now a wanted man. Friends with Chuck Black and not-so-friendly with his son.

MARIA LOPEZ

An efficient federal marshal also rumored to be Chuck Black's girlfriend.

FOUR BEARS

A Fox Tribe warrior who joins Sting to eliminate Manson.

Gold Romany:

AMITA

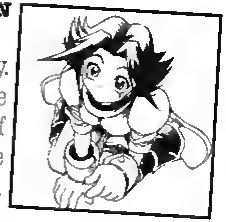
A sharpshooter who can keep her cool under fire.

TAMMY VALENTINE

An excellent shot and an extremely fierce opponent.

ROMY D. CORN

The youngest member of Gold Romany. When Romy was mugged, Sting came to her rescue...and invited himself to dinner as his reward. The vehicle specialist.



CREMBEL

The brains of the team.

Story Thus Far...

In a futuristic wild West, the peacekeepere need all the help they can get rounding up law breakers. Bounty hunters--people who hunt down criminals for reward money--can make a decent living...if they're willing to risk their hidee.

Sting and Leanne "Fast Sword" McDuff are wandering bounty hunters whoee on-again off-again prey is the elusive band of thievee, Gold Romany. Sting has vowed to capture them and they know it, which allowe the crafty team to stay a step ahead of the often-blundering hunter..but never more than a step.

After the debacle of the Golden Gun incident, Sting and Leanne McDuff eet out after a new bounty--the Manson Gang. Headed towards Countyville, the land currently held in terror by Manson'e thugs, the pair quickly found out they were being followed by another hunter, Kiske. His only intereet seems to be Tammy, and he'e less than pleasant company for Sting and Leanne.

Their journey was interrupted when members of the Fox Tribe mistakenly captured the trio, thinking them to be the Mansons who kidnapped a little girl from their village. Moved by the girl's older eister, Sting promised to take down the Mansons.. which he was going to do anyway.

With the addition of Four Bears, a Fox warrior, Sting, McDuff and Kiske thoroughly trounced a ecout group of Mansons and safely arrived in Countyville. There they found Maria Lopez and her team of federal marshals holed up in town, waiting for reinforcements to trickle in. Unsatisfied with their numbers, Lopez called in a "reliable" hunter, Leanne'e former teacher, Grey Nathaniel Crowe.

Crowe had been chasing Leanne ever since she took off with his eword and the wealthy McDuff family burned his dojo to the ground in retaliation for her disappearance. Leanne had no intereet in eeeing her former mentor, eo Sting etepped between them, and got his gun cut in half.

Fortunately, Baker, the local blacksmith, repaired it in time for the federal roundup of the Manson gang. He also improved it, to an extent yet unknown. With heavy casualtiee on both sidee, the federal team advanced past the Manson's first line of defense, capturing over forty outlawe. Recklesely plunging ahead, Lopez's team advanced into the Manson cave and fell right into an ambush.

Now it'e up to Sting's firepower, Four Bear's tomahawk, Kiske'e arrowe and Leanne'e sword to eave them and etop the Mansons!

KRROH!
SO, THEY KILLED SCHVITZ.
EEEH!
UGH!
IS HE THE LEADER?
KRRGH!
LET'S GO, LEANNE!
?

TRAITOR!
YOU KIDS!

NICE MOVE.
...
DANG.
...
TOL
HA
O-OANG...
COME ON, FOUR BEARS!
HE IS USED TO REAL FIGHTS.
I SHOULD THROW THEM IN JAIL, TOO.
IT'S MINE!
HANDS OFF!

I SAID, LET GO!
AAGH!
...
YOU'RE MORE OR LESS COMPETENT.
I'M TALKING ABOUT YOU CHOOSING TO HIRE THOSE DORKS.
ANYWAY, I GUESS THEY'RE NOT INTERESTED IN THESE SMALL FRIES.
...
AT LEAST THE FOX WARRIOR WOULDN'T GO AFTER MONEY.
HE'S PROBABLY AFTER THE PERSON IN THE CAVE.
THEIR BOSS, MARLON MANSON.
HMMM. SO IT WAS THEM.
ESPECIALLY THAT YOUNG DORK. HE FIGHTS LIKE A VETERAN.
DON'T ASK ME. I STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED HIM OUT.

RRRGH!
WHY ARE THERE SO MANY DOORS?
HOW DID THEY BUILD ALL THIS INSIDE THE CAVE?
THIS WAY.
Thump
GOOD. WE'VE PRETTY MUCH CLEANED UP ON THIS SIDE.
LIKE A FORTRESS...
HOW DO YOU KNOW? HAVE YOU BEEN HERE BEFORE?
MANSON IS A CREATURE OF THE NIGHT. HE DISLIKES LIGHT. THIS IS THE ONLY DARK ENTRANCE.
THAT'S FOR SURE.
HOW DO YOU KNOW?

OKAY. THERE'S NOT MUCH TO SEE, ANYWAY. A LITTLE GIRL IS WAITING FOR US.
OH, YEAH!
YEAH! YEAH!
SHUT UP.
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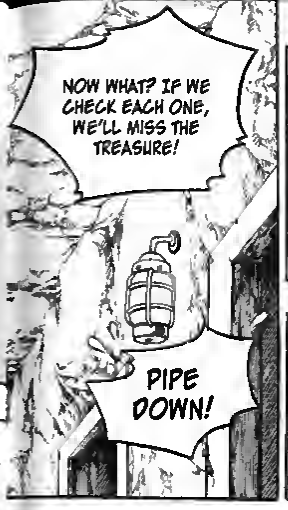
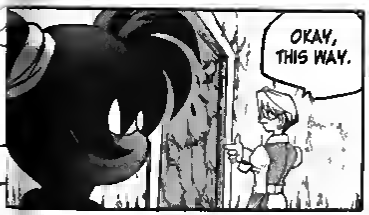

NOW WHAT? IF WE CHECK EACH ONE, WE'LL MISS THE TREASURE!
PIPE DOWN!

IF YOU KEEP ACTING LIKE THAT DORK, YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO LOOK LIKE YOU'RE INTO HIM.
MEANIE!

DARN IT.

THIS IS THE BEST WE COULD HAVE HOPED FOR. LOOKS LIKE IT WAS ROUGH.
I'M SURE STING AND HIS FRIENDS DID THE MOST!

PRETTY AMAZING, MAKING THIS INSIDE A CAVE.
PROBABLY THANKS TO KIDNAPPED PEOPLE--- Y'KNOW, SLAVE LABOR.


OKAY, THIS WAY.

THIS IS THE ONLY ONE WITHOUT LIGHTS. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE A CHANCE.
HMM

WOW! HOW DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT THE HECK?! ALL THESE DOORS!

THE TREASURE IS PROBABLY NEAR MANSON, RIGHT?
OF COURSE.

LET'S GO!
HMM...
THIS IS HIS ROOM.
THIS IS IT.
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OKAY, LET'S GO IN.
YOO HOO!
UH...
Thwunk
WHAT'S THE FUN IN LETTING YOU WALTZ IN?
STUPID AUTHOR
RIGHT.
MANSON'S RIGHT HAND MEN--- KEITH AND DAMON
HEY, FUNKS! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
THESE ARE OUR NAMES.
GO AHEAD.
HEY.
YOU WON'T EVEN GET NEAR THE BOSS' WELCOME MAT. HA HA.
A WELCOME MAT WOULD BE MORE THREATENING.
GUESS THIS IS IT.
YOU HAVE A PROMISE TO KEEP. GO AHEAD, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS SCENE.

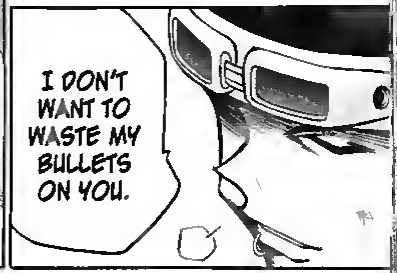
KISKE, YOU'RE AN ANGEL.
STOP THAT!
WAIT, MR. FOUR BEARS!
HURRY UP, ALREADY!
.....
HE ALREADY KNOWS. MAYBE THEY'RE FRIENDS?
NO WAY. BOSS DOESN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS.
IF YOU DON'T MAKE THE FIRST MOVE, I WILL.
Crik
Thwap
Thup
WHY AREN'T YOU STOPPING THEM? OR DOESN'T YOUR BOSS CARE?
BUT NOBODY CARES WHAT WE DO WITH YOU.
RIGHT. THE BOSS SAID NOT TO STOP THE FIRST ONES THAT COME IN.
PRETTY SNAZZY TOY HE DROPPED THERE.
YEAH.
ARE YOU IN OR NOT?
WAIT, HANG ON.
Eeek!

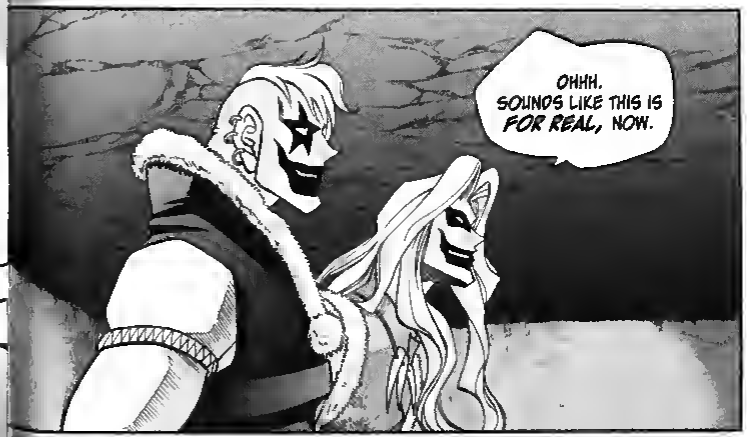
LET US GET OUR EXPENSIVE-LOOKING KNIFE OUT.
OOP.
THAT WAS IN PRETTY DEEP.
HEH HEH... GET READY, KID.
...
HYA!
?!
HURP!

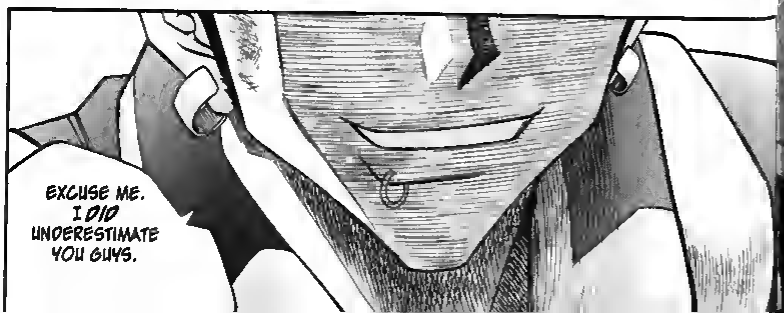
OOH.
DID HE DIE STANDING UP? POOR THING.
Drip
WHAT A PITY. HIS PIERCING WAS JUST MY STYLE.
Ka-swoosh
WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT SHOWING INTEREST IN OTHER MEN?
DON'T GET CRAZY, DEAR!
Egh!
HEH!
WHAT A GREAT PERFORMANCE!

HA. SO GET YOUR GUN. WE DON'T CARE.

NO THANKS.


I DON'T WANT TO WASTE MY BULLETS ON YOU.


OHHH. SOUNDS LIKE THIS IS *FOR REAL*, NOW.


EXCUSE ME. I *DID* UNDERESTIMATE YOU GUYS.

SURE IS.

I WON'T NEED GOGGLES HERE.
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME, RED-EYED SHADOW.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO STILL CALLS ME BY THAT NAME, FOUR BEARS
BUT NOW I'M THE FEARED BOSS OF THE MANSON GANG.
HELLO, BOYS.

I REMEMBER SEEING A LITTLE KID WITH SAME KIND OF EYES.
SHUT UP!
I CAN SENSE YOUR BURNING ANGER, YOUR HATRED AND GUILT.
DON'T EVEN TRY THAT! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT!

IN WAR, UNCONTROLLED EMOTIONS ONLY BRING DESTRUCTION.
A WARRIOR WAVERS NOT, EVEN IN FRONT OF A HUNGRY LION.
YOU KNOW WHY I CAME.
IF YOU WILL NOT LISTEN, I WILL FIGHT YOU FOR THE HONOR OF MY TRIBE... RED-EYED SHADOW.
Hmm
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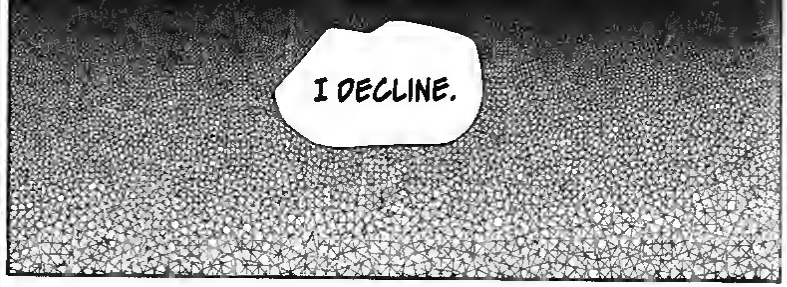
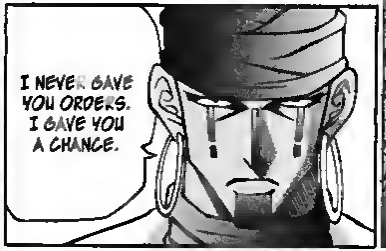

I DECLINE.

NO ONE ORDERS ME AROUND. THAT INCLUDES YOU.

A CHANCE? HA HA! YOU'VE COME SUCH A LONG WAY TO MAKE A JOKE?
...

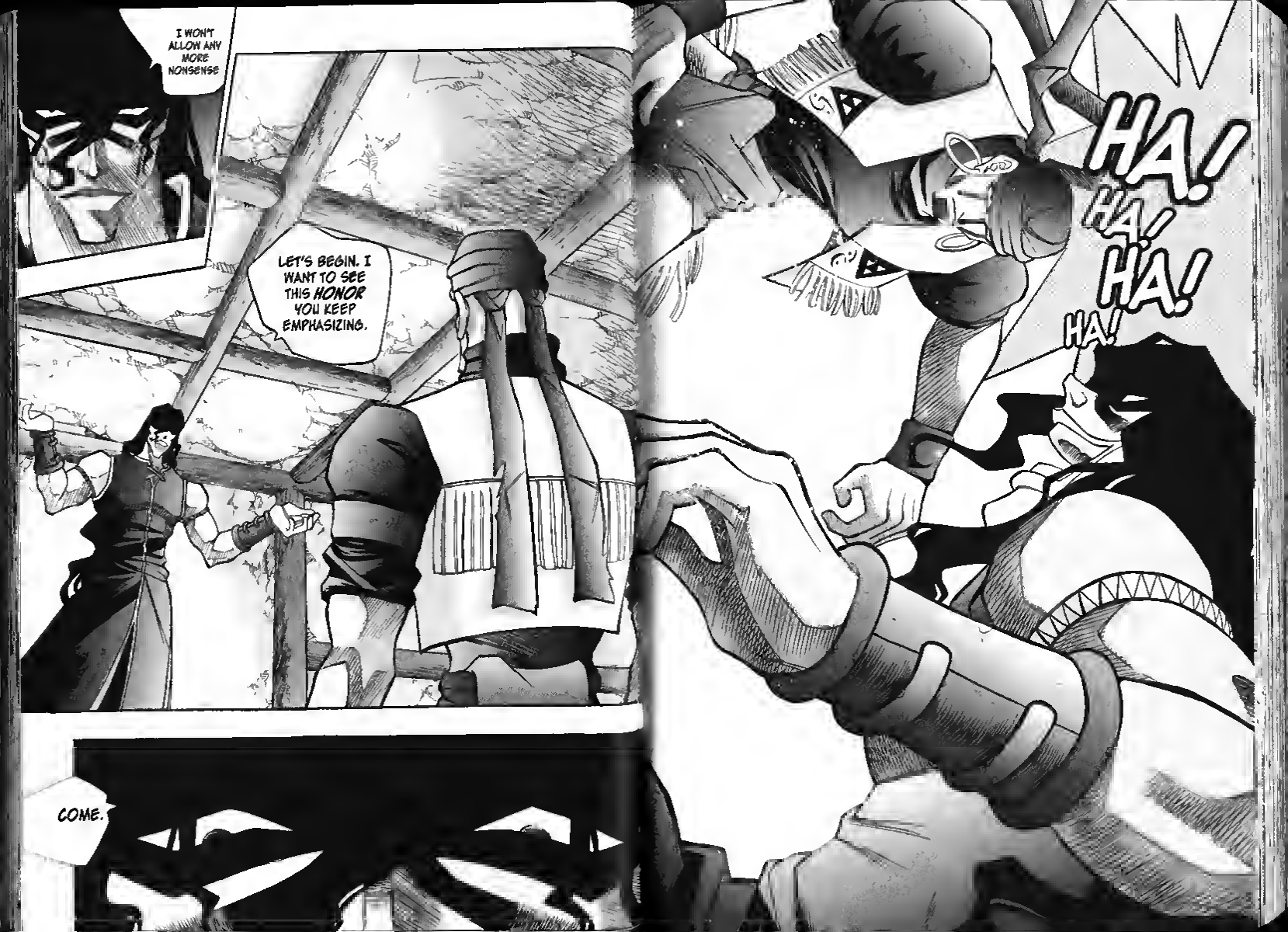

I NEVER GAVE YOU ORDERS. I GAVE YOU A CHANCE.

BUT ENOUGH OF INTROS. IF YOU HAD THE POWER TO BEAT ME, YOU WOULD. BUT...

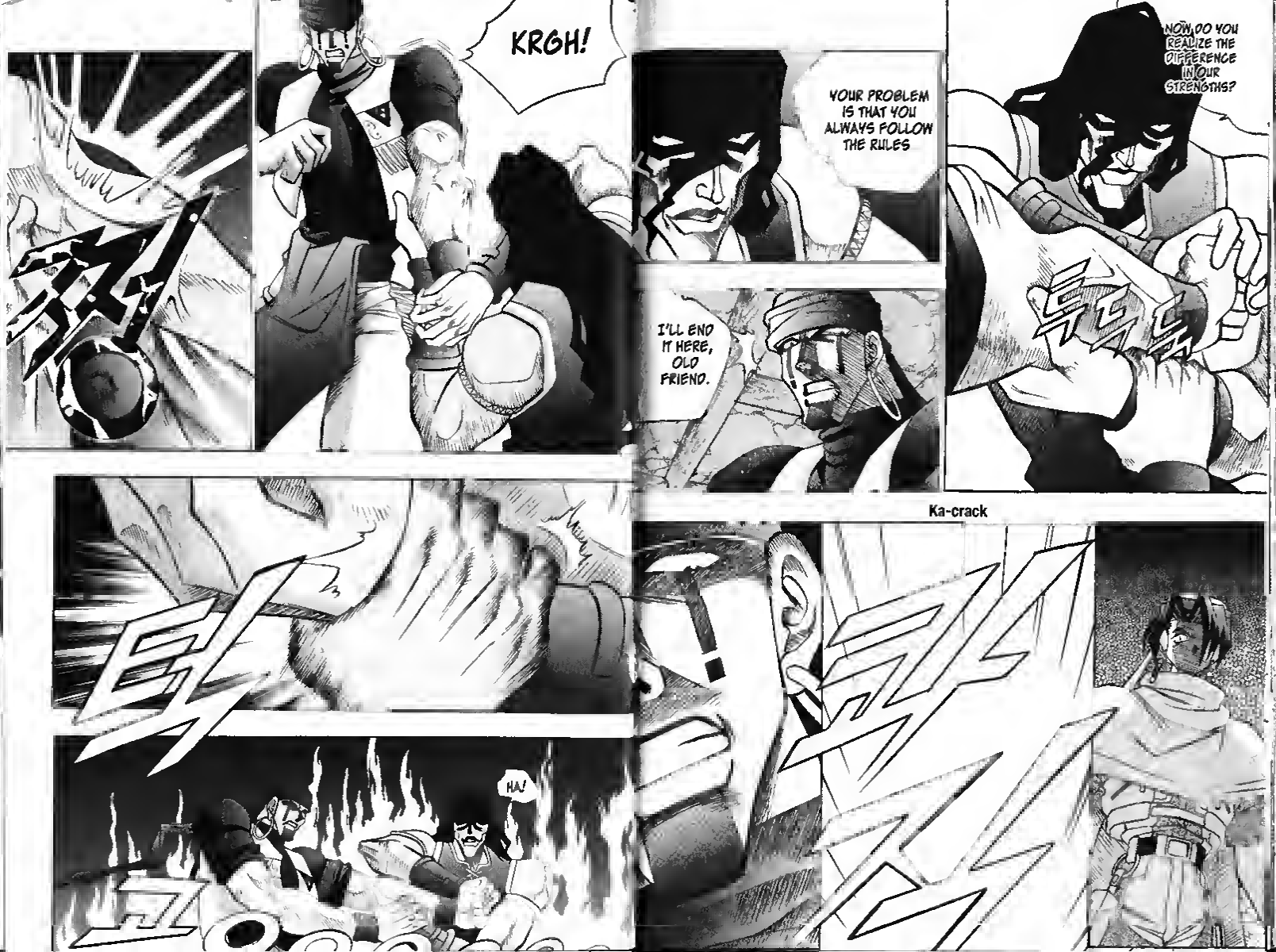
I'M TELLING YOU, FOUR BEARS, YOU CANNOT WIN AGAINST ME.

NEITHER CAN YOUR LITTLE FRIEND THERE.
GULP

A WISE MAN NEVER CLAIMS TO BE CERTAIN OF WHAT THE FUTURE BRINGS. HAVE YOU NOT REALIZED THAT?


I WON'T ALLOW ANY MORE NONSENSE
LET'S BEGIN. I WANT TO SEE THIS HONOR YOU KEEP EMPHASIZING.
COME.
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!

MANSON. HE DODGES LIKE HE KNOWS WHERE THE BLOW WILL LAND.
HAH.
THIS POWER... IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.


KRGH!
YOUR PROBLEM IS THAT YOU ALWAYS FOLLOW THE RULES
NOW, DO YOU REALIZE THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR STRENGTHS?
I'LL END IT HERE, OLD FRIEND.
Ka-crack
HA!

ARRGH!
TO SHOW ONE'S BACK DURING COMBAT IS TO GIVE UP ONE'S LIFE.
IF YOU WERE THE RED-EYED SHADOW OF MY MEMORY, I WOULD BE DEAD NOW
DID YOU THINK BREAKING ONE ARM WOULD STOP ME?
IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?
YOU MUST THINK YOU'RE READY, TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE.
OH, WELL. IS IT YOUR TURN NOW?

THEN IT'S AN OFFER I WON'T REFUSE.
HA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA! WHAT A PITY! TO THINK YOU ONCE KILLED BEARS WITH YOUR BARE HANDS!
NOW...

Whoosh
Thunk
RGH!
I HIT YOUR NERVE CLUSTER. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STAND.
SURPRISING.
THE PAIN SHOULD BE UNBEARABLE. THAT IMPACT COULD HAVE CRIPPLED YOU.

TOO BAD YOU'LL BE GETTING YOUR WISH NOW.
DO YOU BELIEVE IN KARMA?
BECAUSE THE PAIN YOU'VE CAUSED OTHERS IS ABOUT TO RETURN TO YOU.

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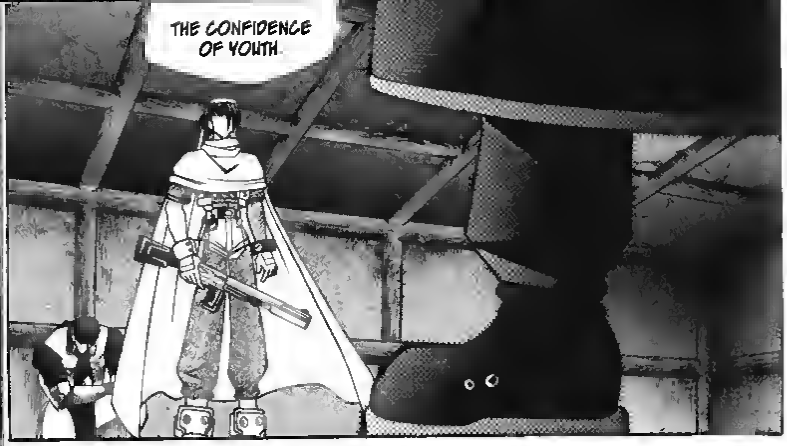
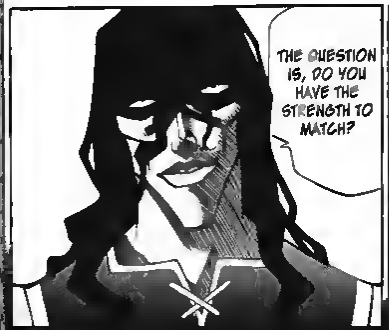

THE CONFIDENCE OF YOUTH.

IN DARKNESS, AN OPPONENT SEEMS TWICE AS FAST.

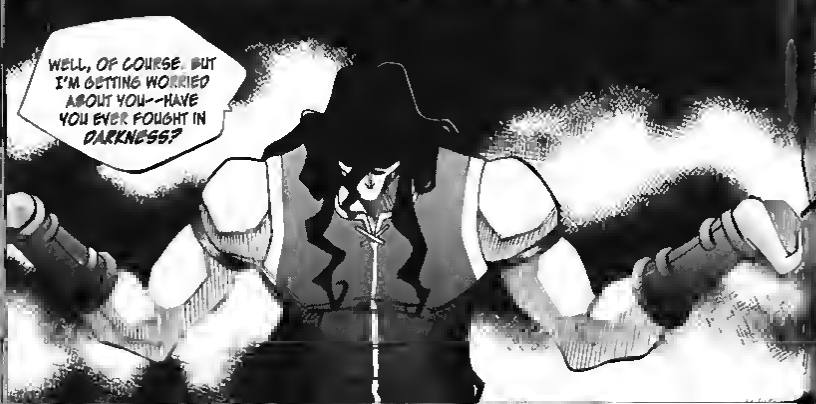
IT WON'T MATTER TO MANSON, BUT YOU WILL HAVE TO REACT FASTER.

HOW LONG WILL YOU LAST? AND FOR AMUSEMENT'S SAKE, I DO HOPE IT'S A WHILE.


THE QUESTION IS, DO YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH TO MATCH?

YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND OUT.

SO SHOW ME HOW MUCH STRONGER YOU HAVE BECOME SINCE THEN.


WELL, OF COURSE. BUT I'M GETTING WORRIED ABOUT YOU--HAVE YOU EVER FOUGHT IN DARKNESS?

NNGH!
Grab
HA HA!
AW, NO...
Skid
Voosh

ILK
HNH.
HA HA HA... PRETTY GOOD.
Swish
HA HA HA! COME! WHAT YOU WANT IS BEHIND ME!
NOT BAD, FOR FEDERAL AGENT TRASH.
...
WOW. NICE TATTOOS...
THEY'RE SCARS.
HOW DO HIS CLOTHES STAY ON AFTER HE RIPS THEM OFF? I THOUGHT HE WAS WEARING A DRESS.
STOP THAT NONSENSE! DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME TELLING YOU TO COME?!

EEEK!
EXCITE ME!
Bam
HE REALLY HAS AMAZING STRENGTH AND POWER.
HE HAS NO WEAK POINTS I CAN ATTACK!
NO, A WALL!
DARN IT!
THIS IS NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THE DARKNESS.
HE A GROTESQUE FACE.

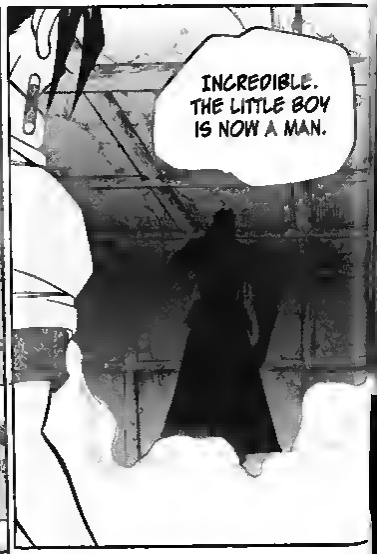
KAAAAH!
HENH!
Fwump
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG.
I WON'T FALL UNLESS YOU FALL.
BUT YOU SURPRISE ME THAT IMPACT SHOULD HAVE KNOCKED THE GUN FROM YOUR HANDS
HOW LONG CAN YOU WITHSTAND ME?
HNH
IN YOUR DREAMS.

'TIL THEN...
NEVER!

ZIOOOOO

HA HA HA.

HA HA HA!
CRAP.


INCREDIBLE. THE LITTLE BOY IS NOW A MAN.

WHAT KIND OF MONSTER IS HE? I ONLY HURT MY HANDS.

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN FULLY TRAINED, BUT YOU'RE STILL GOOD ENOUGH.

Crik Crak

BUT TO HAVE YOUR SON KEEP POPPING UP WOULD MEAN A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR ME.

YOU'LL COME BACK TO BITE ME AGAIN AND AGAIN

IT'S BETTER TO ELIMINATE THAT KIND OF THREAT BEFORE IT EVEN STARTS.

ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE DAMN YANKEES.

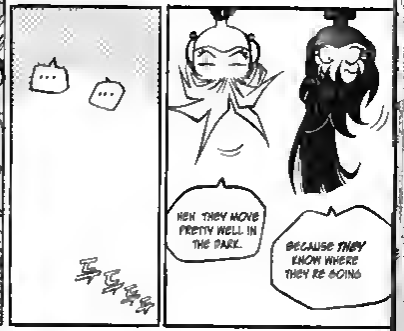
NOW IT'S MY TURN.

Tok

MOVE QUICKLY!
THEY'RE GETTING CLOSE TO THE CENTER!

TEO, YOU TAKE THE KIDS AND GO AROUND THE BACK!
WE'RE OVER IF THE CENTER IS INVADED! HURRY!
THE REST OF YOU, FOLLOW ME!

KILL THEM ALL!


HEH. THEY MOVE PRETTY WELL IN THE DARK.
BECAUSE THEY KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING

I'M FOLLOWING THE SCENT OF BOLO

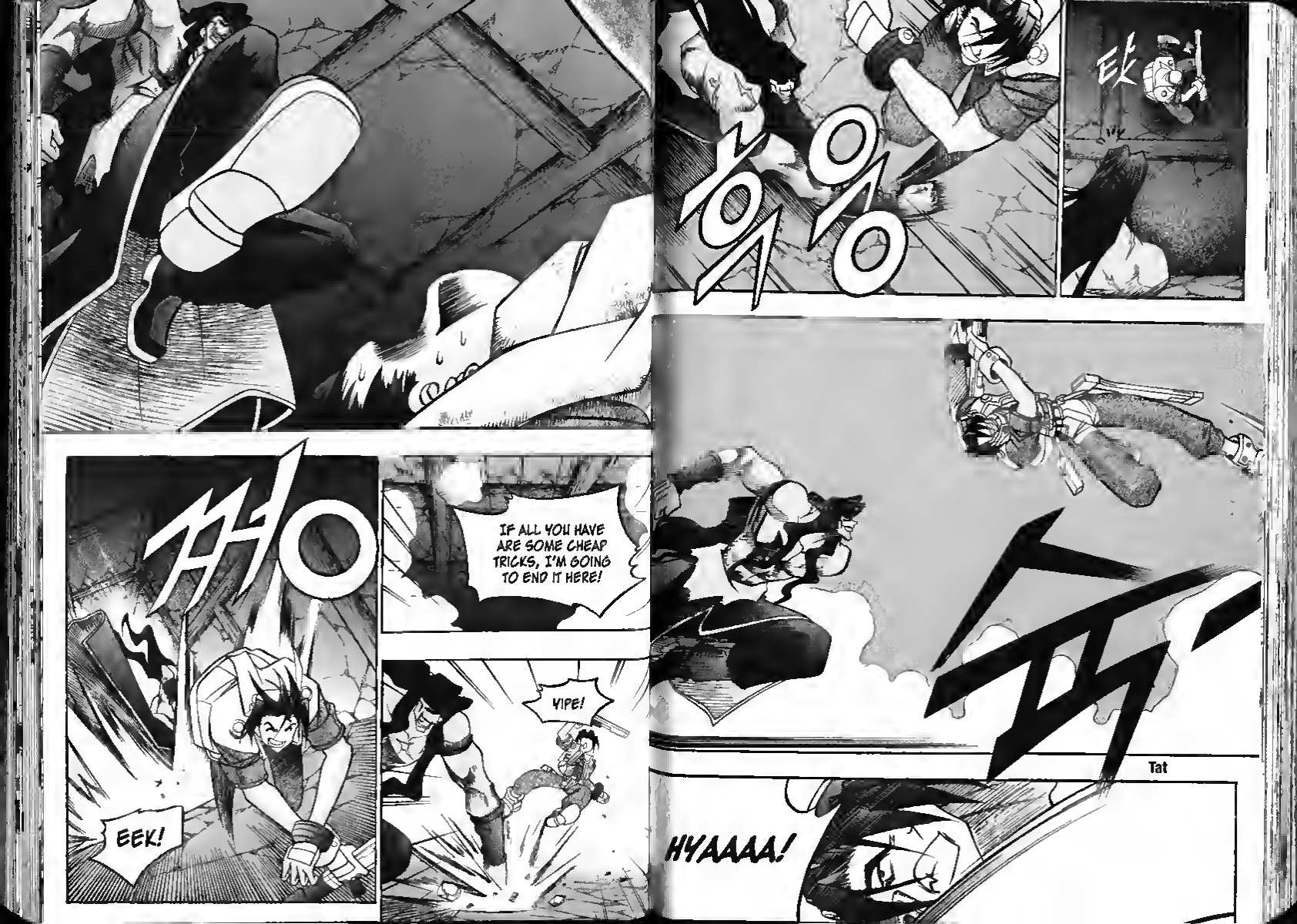
WHERE DID THAT DORK GO...?

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL YOU LIE THERE?
WELL, YOU'VE CERTAINLY EARNED YOUR SLEEP...
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
...

SURE, OF COURSE
DANG IT!
ERK.
OKAY, LET'S START.
HA!
HE MUST HAVE A WEAKNESS! I CAN'T HIM IN THIS STATE!

I NEED TO DISCOVER HIS WEAKNESS
LITTLE BIT MORE...
NOW!
HYAAA!

HYAAA!
OUCH.
HRRH!


EEK!
IF ALL YOU HAVE ARE SOME CHEAP TRICKS, I'M GOING TO END IT HERE!
VIPE!
HYAAAA!
Tat

Bam
GAH!
!
ERGH...
WATCH OUT!
AAH!

Ka-bam
HA HA HA...!
DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT WITH ME WITH YOUR INJURED ARM?
TRY IF YOU CAN. A WARRIOR DOES NOT FEAR DEATH.
YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE A CHOICE ANYMORE FIGHT OR NOT, YOU'LL DIE JUST THE SAME
HA HA...! LECTURING ME AGAIN...
LOOKS LIKE IT'S OVER.
YOU HAVE BECOME MUCH STRONGER THAN BEFORE.
DID YOU THINK I'D BECOME WEAK LIKE THE TRIBE LEADERS?
WAIT A MINUTE.
I'M NOT DONE YET.

DO YOU WANT TO BE CRIPPLED? TRUST ME AND STAY BACK.
I THINK I'M GETTING THE HANG OF THIS.
IS IT FOR CHARCY? OR FOR HIS OWN REVENGE?
THAT WAS PRETTY WEAK FOR SOMEONE WHO'S ATTACKING WITH FULL FORCE
YAWN
WATCH OUT. THIS TIME, I WON'T BE AS KINO.
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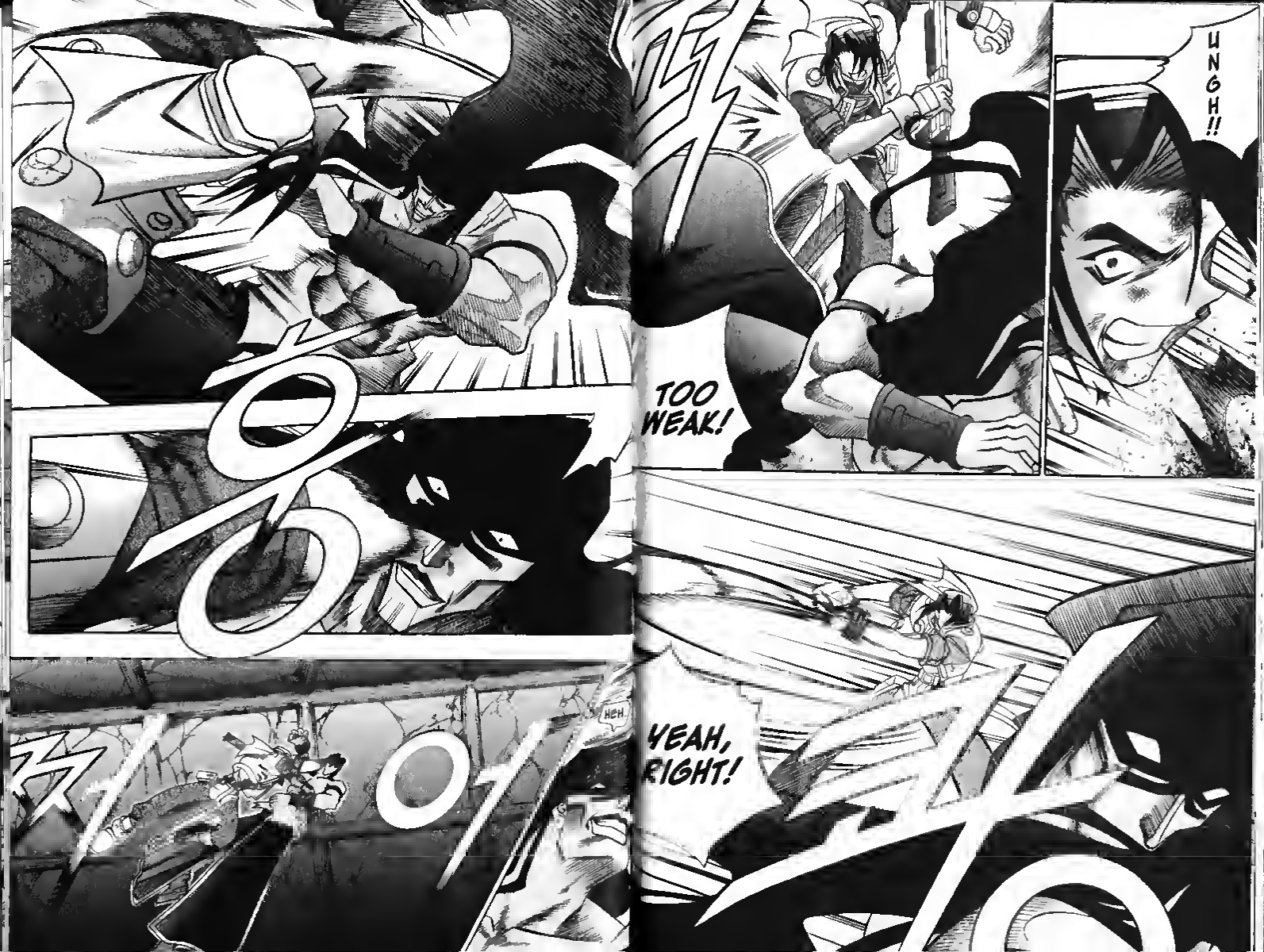
WATCH OUT. THIS TIME, I WON'T BE AS KIND.
HIS BREATHING IS IRREGULAR. HE'S...
...BLUFFING.
Pant Pant
Pant Pant
GULP
PUNK!


UNGH!!
TOO WEAK!
YEAH, RIGHT!
HEH.

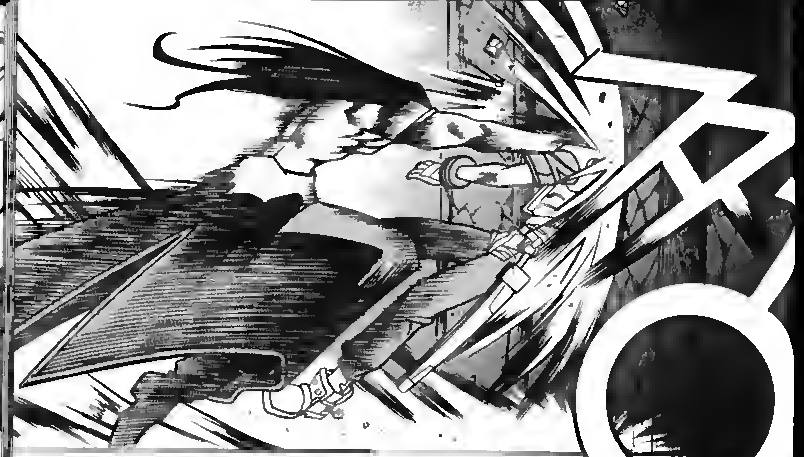
BUT...EVEN HE COULDN'T HAVE COME OUT OF THIS UNSCATHED.
Crash
Slump
Huff Huff Huff
I FEEL LIKE MY INTERNAL ORGANS ALL TURNED INSIDE OUT?..

HA HA...
ARSH!
Slide
THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE!
UGH!
HAVE YOU USED UP ALL YOUR STRENGTH?
AT LEAST YOU'VE EARNED SOME COMPLIMENTS FOR YOUR EULOGY.
NO NEED FOR THAT.
ATTACK HIM NOW!
YOU PUNKS!

IT'S ABOUT TIME...
Hyaaaah
...YOU FELL!
RRRH!

ARE YOU OKAY?
MORE OR LESS.
I THINK I'VE BROKEN ALL MY RIBS.
DISGUSTING SONOPA...HOW MANY CHAPTERS HAVE BEEN WASTED ON NIM?
I HAVE FINALLY AVENGED YOU, KAI.

LET'S LOOK FOR PIAA NOW.
STING REALLY IS A MYSTERY.
IT IS FUNNY. WHO WOULD THINK THAT I, FOUR BEARS, WOULD GET HELP FROM A CHILD?
I WONDER HOW KISKE IS DOING.
WATCH OUT!!
KRRRAH!



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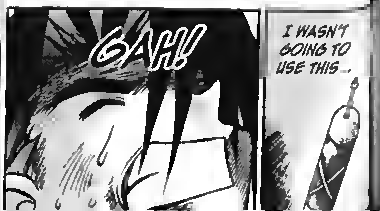


BLAZIN' BARRELS

IT'S YOUR FAULT I'M LIKE THIS!
I'LL MAKE A NOTE OF YOUR DEATH IN MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY!
...
DON'T MOVE!
THE MOMENT YOU MOVE, I'LL BREAK HIS NECK
HEH HEH... YOU'LL DIE ANYWAY, BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO WAIT YOUR TURN.
I HAVE NO CHOICE...
I...CAN'T USE MY HAND...

IT'S YOUR LAST RESORT. BUT CAN YOU USE IT IN YOUR STATE?
HYAAA!
AGH!
SINCE YOU'RE USED TO DARK, YOU'RE SENSITIVE TO EVEN THE SMALLEST FLASH OF LIGHT!

WAAAH!
EEK!
TAKE THAT, TOO!
SLAM
IF HE CAN GET UP NOW...

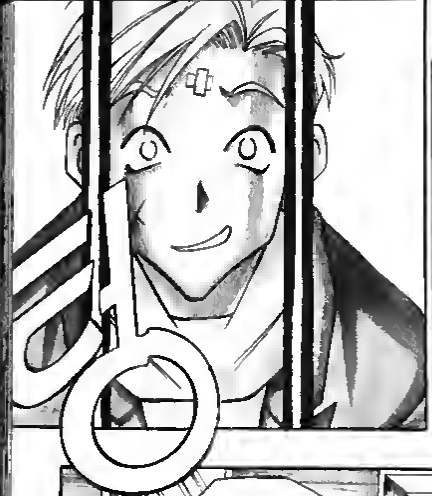
IF HE WERE AN AVERAGE GUY, HE WOULD HAVE ALREADY DIED
HA HA! UNBELIEVABLE. WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?
NOW KILL ME.
GARAGE SALE.
HA.
IT SEEMS I HAVE LOST. I, THE GREAT MANSON...
NOW TELL ME, WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE YOU'VE KIDNAPPED?
DO YOU THINK I'M CRAZY? YOU CAN FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF.
YOU WANT ME TO ACT LIKE YOU? IF YOU WANT TO DIE, DO IT YOURSELF.

WHERE DO YOU KEEP FINDING AXES?!
YOU'LL REGRET IT IF YOU DON'T FINISH IT NOW.
...
WHO HIRED ME TO KILL YOUR FAMILY?
SINCE YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED THIS MISSION, I'LL LET YOU KNOW AS A PRIZE.
...
WHEN I WAS A HIRED GUN, A HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL CAME TO SEE ME.
OF COURSE, YOU KNOW WHAT HE ASKED ME TO DO. HE OFFERED A VERY LARGE SUM OF MONEY TOO, SO I HAD NO REASON TO REFUSE.
YOU HAVE ALREADY LOST YOUR RED EYES.
WE WILL MEET AGAIN. THEN WE SHALL PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF.
WAIT, KID.
HIS NAME WAS FRANS ZIMMER. HE HAD THE HONOR OF BEING THE FIRST PERSON ON FLEETWOOD'S BLACK LIST. ALSO, THE [illegible] TOO.
DON'T YOU WANT TO FIND OUT WHO KILLED ME?
STOP IT.

THAT'S ENOUGH.
I WANT TO BE FREE FROM MY PAST, STARTING TODAY. I HAVE TOO MUCH TO DO.
WOW, GREAT LINE...
C'MON, FOUR BEARS!
Let's GO
EEK!
AGH!
Thwack
WHAT, YOU'RE DONE ALREADY?
YOU, TOO?
THEY WERE VERY CLINGY.
I UNDER-STAND.
LET'S GET TO THE RENDEZVOUS.
WHAT? WHAT ABOUT MANSON'S HEAD?
HERE I COME, LITTLE PIAA!

YOU LOOK ROUGH. DID YOU GO ONE-ON-ONE WITH MANSON?
YOU LOOK PRETTY CLEAN, MISSUS
A LEADER MUST STAY SAFE.
Do I look like a militia?
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PERFECT IF WE'D CAPTURED MANSON.
MR. FOUR BEARS!
I WAS SCARED TO DEATH!
WHERE'S MOMMY?
SHE IS WAITING FOR YOU AT HOME
YOU REALLY DIDN'T SEE HIM? BE HONEST
OUNHO.
IT'S VERY STRANGE. I HAD HEARD THE GANG HAD AMASSED A HUGE TREASURE HERE.
FINALLY, THE MISSION WAS OVER. THE GOVERNMENT WON.
OF COURSE, THE CASUALTIES ON THE GOVERNMENT'S SIDE WERE PRETTY HEAVY...

KYAA! A PICKPOCKET!
WAH!
SOMEBODY STOP HIM!
HEH
HA HA! I DID PRETTY WELL TODAY.
OH REALLY? LET ME HAVE A LOOK.
WHAT THE?
HA HA! JUST TESTING MY NEW GUN.
STING'S CHEERED UP.
JERK!
NOW, WHAT'S NEXT?
I DON'T THINK TODAY'S GOING TO BE A GOOD DAY FOR YOU.
WHO ARE YOU?!
WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT WITH THE SHERIFF.
KAAAAA!



HERE, SO DROPS.
OHH!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
TAKE CARE, JAKE.

I SEE HIM QUITE A LOT THESE DAYS.
HA HA.

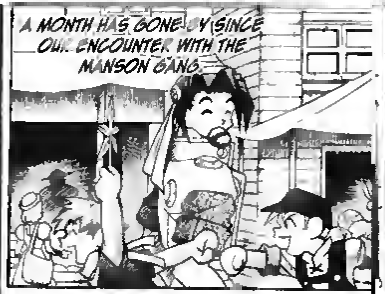
HE'S A FUNNY GUY IT'S GOOD-- WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MANPOWER ANYWAY

HEY, HAVE YOU HEARD? THE ARMY HAS BEEN DEPLOYED OUT HERE, TOO.
WHAT, FOR THAT PERVERTED PYROMANIAC?

WHAT'S HIS NAME? FIRE... SOMETHING.
FIRE BOMBER HE'S A MAJOR HEADACHE.

AND THE ROMANY ARE HERE, TOO. WE'LL BE IN A CONSTANT STATE OF ALERT...BETTER LET YOUR GIRLFRIEND KNOW.
AHHH!

METHOD CITY--A MAJOR CITY IN THE SOUTHEAST.


A MONTH HAS GONE BY SINCE OUR ENCOUNTER WITH THE MANSON GANG.

MR. FOUR BEARS HAS GONE BACK TO HIS TRIBE, PROMISING THAT WE'D MEET AGAIN. UNFORTUNATELY, I WASN'T ABLE TO WITNESS THE REUNION OF MISS CHANCY AND PIKA.

LEANNE LEFT THIS WORD AS SHE WAS DRAGGED BACK BY HER MASTER:
FREEDOM!
MANSON LEFT THESE WORDS AS HE FLED
YOU'LL REGRET THIS
SO NOW, I'M ALONE.
HA! VERY COOL.
...
OH, DIDN'T I SEE YOU GUYS WITH THAT THIEF?
HIM...AND THE GUYS YOU NABBED YESTERDAY, AND THE DAY BEFORE, AND THE DAY BEFORE THAT...
THEY WERE ALL PART OF OUR FAMILY.
I THINK I CAN CALL IT A DAY.
SO WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG TO GET HERE?
I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE FROM, BUT IT WAS A BIG MISTAKE TO GET INVOLVED HERE.
GET HIM!

HA!
YOU THINK I'M STILL THAT SAME DORK FROM THE PAST?
EH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SHUT UP.
KILL THEM BOTH.

OOOOOOH!
!
Thwack
NOW I KNOW WHY KISKE LOOKED SO DOWN AFTER THE MANSON INCIDENT. WHAT A SADIST.
AT LEAST YOU DIDN'T USE YOUR GUN.
DIDN'T HAVE TIME...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DUDE?
HA HA...!
Thomp
OH YEAH. HE'S STILL AROUND...
SAVING SURE ADDS UP, LITTLE BY LITTLE.
HE'S BECOMING DOMESTICATED
HAD YOU GOTTEN MANSON'S HEAD, WE WOULDN'T BE STAYING AT THIS CRUMMY MOTEL.
SHUT UP.
KYAA!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
HA! A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS!
WHO ARE YOU?
슈우우우우...
WHOA.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO THIS POOR HELPLESS LADY?
SHUT UP AND KEEP OUT, NUMBSKULL!
THIS TIME, I'M GOING!
I DIDN'T THINK WORDS WOULD GET THROUGH YOUR HEADS!
HYAA!
KYA!
SHOULD I GO BACK TO BED?

SHE
IF YOU BUMP INTO A LADY, YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE!
...
NUTS, LET'S JUST GO.
WHAT?!
"LADY" MY BUTT.
TAKE THAT BACK!
STING? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MISS ROMY
HMPH
STILL AS MISCHIEVOUS AS EVER, MISS VALENTINE.
HMPH.
HMPH.
WHERE ARE THE OTHERS? ARE YOU BY YOURSELF?
WELL, YEAH. I'M ALONE NOW.
BY THE WAY, MISS VALENTINE, YOU LOOK REAL PRETTY IN YOUR DRESS.

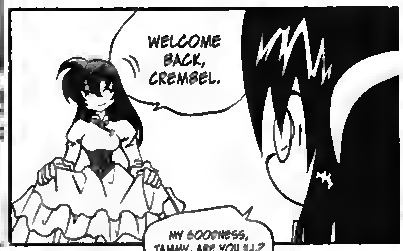
WHAT?
YOU LOOK PRETTY IN YOUR DRESS
ME...PRETTY?
EVERYONE'S STARING AT YOU.
...
THEY'RE NOT TRYING TO GET ME?
THIS ISN'T A VIOLENT HIGH SCHOOL MANGA.
BLAZIN' BARRELS

Oh!
Oh!

Hee Hee

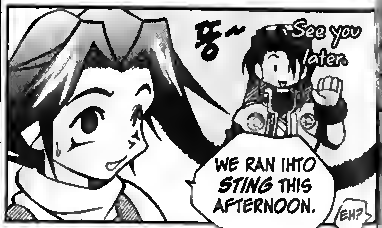
OH, EVERYONE'S HERE
IT'S HARD TO CATCH YOU THESE DAYS
DID YOU JUST GET BACK?

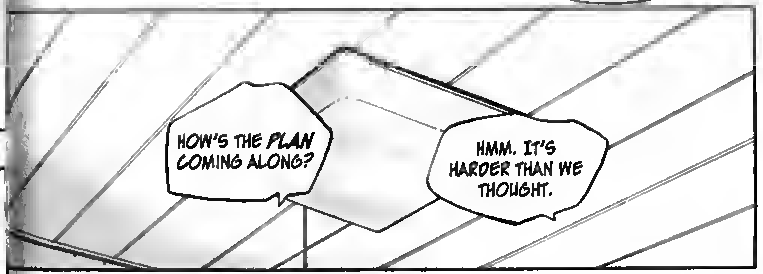
WHEW! I HAD A FEW PLACES TO CHECK OUT.
WELL DONE.


WELCOME BACK, CREMBEL.
MY GOODNESS, TAMMY, ARE YOU ILL?

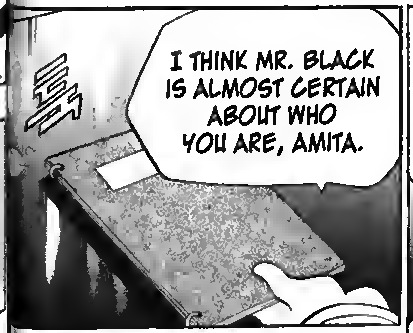
La la la!

WHAT... WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER? SHE DIDN'T EVEN CHANGE HER CLOTHES.


See you later.
WE RAN INTO STING THIS AFTERNOON.
EH?


HOW'S THE PLAN COMING ALONG?
HMM. IT'S HARDER THAN WE THOUGHT.

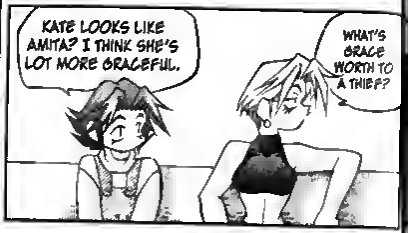
HE TOLD HER SHE LOOKS PRETTY?
IT'S PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME SHE'S HEARD IT IN NINETEEN YEARS.


I THINK MR. BLACK IS ALMOST CERTAIN ABOUT WHO YOU ARE, AMITA.

FIRST, WE NEED TO FIND SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE YOU AND TELL HER ABOUT YOUR PAST, AND HOPE THAT MR. BLACK WILL FALL FOR IT.
CAN WE FIND SOMEONE LIKE THAT?

MISS KATE. THE RESTAURANT MANAGER ACROSS THE STREET HER AGE, BODY SHAPE... EVERYTHING ABOUT HER MATCHES YOU VERY CLOSELY.

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE HOW IT GOES.

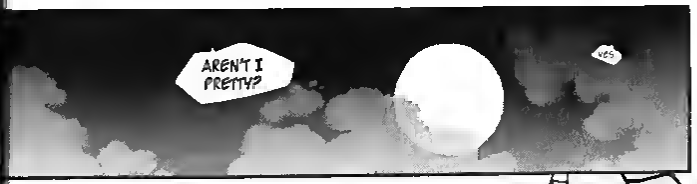

KATE LOOKS LIKE AMITA? I THINK SHE'S LOT MORE GRACEFUL.
WHAT'S GRACE WORTH TO A THIEF?

WE CAN COME BACK TO THAT LATER. WE NEED TO GET GOING ON OUR PLAN.

WE'VE ALREADY SENT OUT A WARNING. HOW LONG IS SHE GONNA BE IN THIS STATE?
LEAVE HER ALONE. IT'S A RARE MOOD.

THEN I'M GONNA TAKE A NAP. PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING TO DRAW ATTENTION TO US.
DON'T WORRY. GET SOME REST.

TO MAKE DINNER.
OH, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

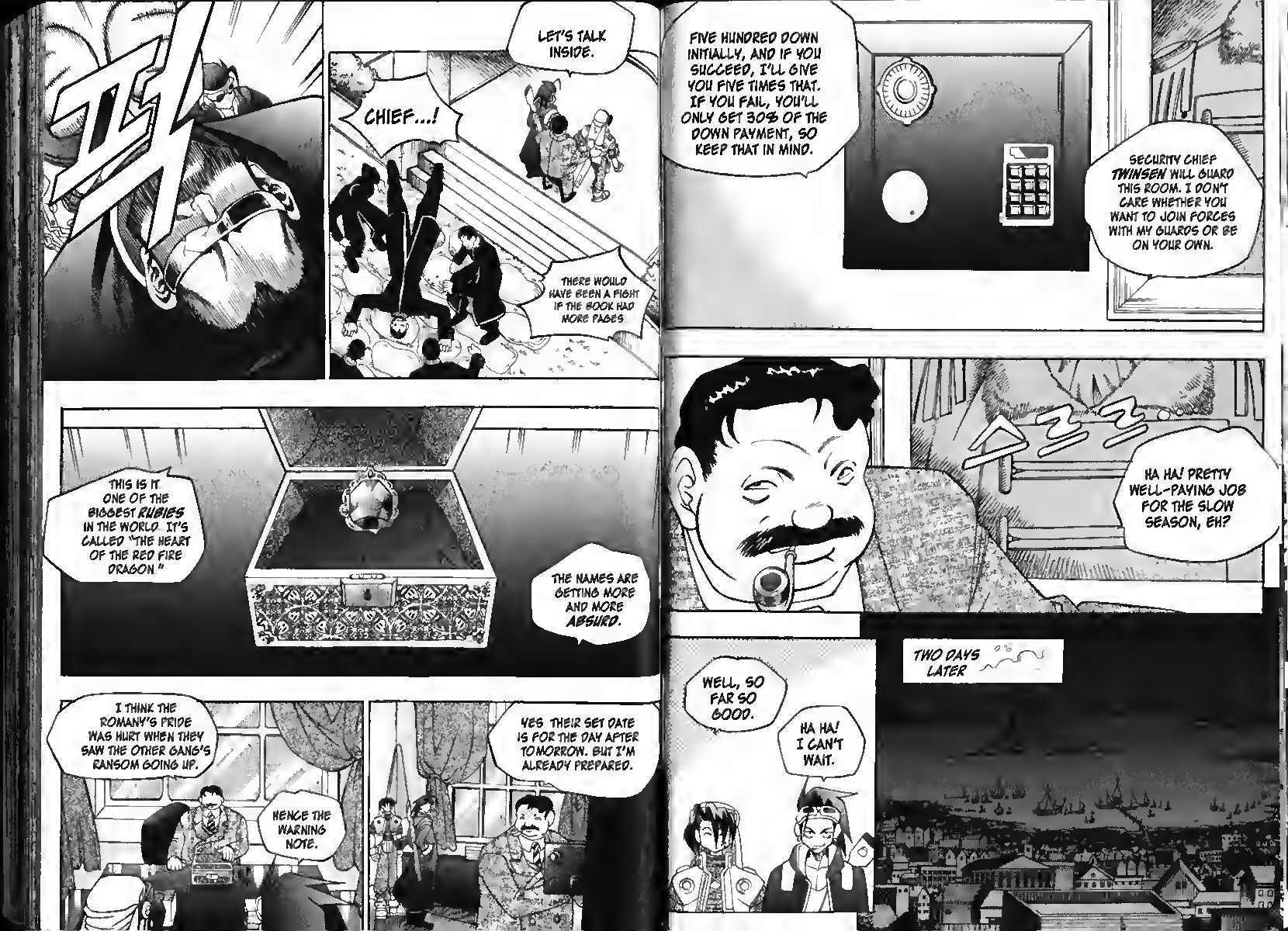

AREN'T I PRETTY?
YES

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT IT?
HUH?
WHAT? THE ROMANY ARE GOING TO STEAL THE LOCAL LANDOWNER'S JEWELS?
YEP, THEY EVEN SENT OUT AN ADVANCE WARNING.
DUE TO LACK OF STORY.
WHAT'S WITH THE ROMANY? I COULDN'T FIND THEM AT ALL WHEN I WAS LOOKING FOR THEM, BUT AROUND YOU, I BUMP INTO THEM ALL THE TIME
CAUSE I'M THE MAIN CHARACTER.

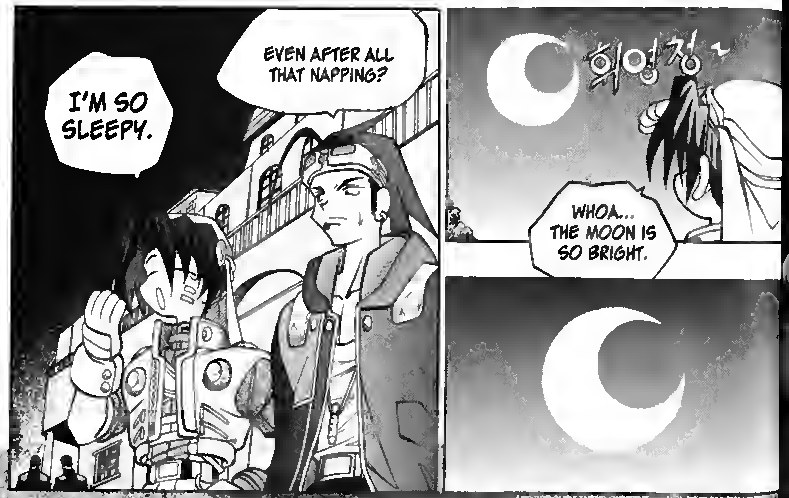
ANYWAY, I'M GOING TO WAIT FOR THE ROMANY AT THE HOUSE TOMORROW.
WHO'S GONNA LET YOU IN?
I HAVE MY WAYS. TURN OFF THE LIGHT.
HEY. YOU'RE GONNA TAKE UP THE WHOLE BED BY YOURSELF?
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE.
HMPH. I CAN'T GIVE IT UP AGAIN.
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
NO WAY!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
OPEN YOUR EYES BEFORE YOU ATTACK, SQUINTY!
THIS IS COHEN'S MANSION.

Knock knock
WHO IS IT?
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO MR. COHEN ABOUT THE GOLD ROMANY.
...
WAIT A MINUTE.
HOW ANNOYING.
PART OF THE PROCESS WE GO THROUGH TO GET IN
COME IN.
HE'S WELL PREPARED.
HEH.
SO, YOU CAME HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE ROMANY?
WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?

I HEARD THAT THE ROMANY ARE AFTER YOUR JEWELS.
WHAT A MEAN FACE...
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT THINKING THAT YOU CAN DEFEAT THE ROMANY WITH THIS JUNK?
SO YOU WANT ME TO HIRE YOU AS A GUARD?
YOU'RE AS SHARP AS YOU LOOK.
YOU BRAT!
I'LL KILL YOU!
CALM DOWN, EVERYONE.
RAR!
YOU HAVE GUTS. I LIKE THAT.
HM. I HAVE FULL FAITH IN THIS SO-CALLED JUNK.
THEN YOUR TREASURE WILL CERTAINLY FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE ROMANY.
IF YOU CAN DEFEAT MY CHIEF OF SECURITY, I'LL THINK ABOUT HIRING YOU.


LET'S TALK INSIDE.
CHIEF...!
THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A FIGHT IF THE BOOK HAD MORE PAGES
FIVE HUNDRED DOWN INITIALLY, AND IF YOU SUCCEED, I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE TIMES THAT. IF YOU FAIL, YOU'LL ONLY GET 30% OF THE DOWN PAYMENT, SO KEEP THAT IN MIND.
SECURITY CHIEF TWINSEN WILL GUARD THIS ROOM. I DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU WANT TO JOIN FORCES WITH MY GUARDS OR BE ON YOUR OWN.
THIS IS IT. ONE OF THE BIGGEST RUBIES IN THE WORLD. IT'S CALLED "THE HEART OF THE RED FIRE DRAGON."
THE NAMES ARE GETTING MORE AND MORE ABSURD.
HA HA! PRETTY WELL-PAYING JOB FOR THE SLOW SEASON, EH?
I THINK THE ROMANY'S PRIDE WAS HURT WHEN THEY SAW THE OTHER GANG'S RANSOM GOING UP.
HENCE THE WARNING NOTE.
YES. THEIR SET DATE IS FOR THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW. BUT I'M ALREADY PREPARED.
WELL, SO FAR SO GOOD.
HA HA! I CAN'T WAIT.
TWO DAYS LATER

THAT'S WHY I LIKE THE BIG CITY. THE SIZE OF OUR WELCOMING PARTY SHOULD BE AT LEAST THIS BIG
YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT STING, TOO.
INCLUDING THE SHOOTERS ON THE ROOF, THERE ARE ABOUT THIRTY OF THEM.
HEH. HE'S ONLY INTERESTED IN YOU. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY SPACE FOR ME TO BUDGE IN
HA HA! HE HAS PRETTY NICE EYES, DON'T YOU THINK?
FIVE MINUTES TO THREE. BETTER GET GOING.
I'M NOT GETTING THE SAME REACTION.
Won't you stop
JUST WAIT! THE HEART OF THE RED FIRE DRAGON!


I'M SO SLEEPY.
EVEN AFTER ALL THAT NAPPING?
WHOA... THE MOON IS SO BRIGHT.

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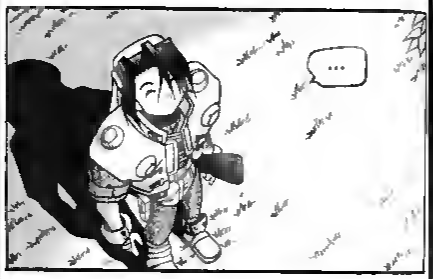
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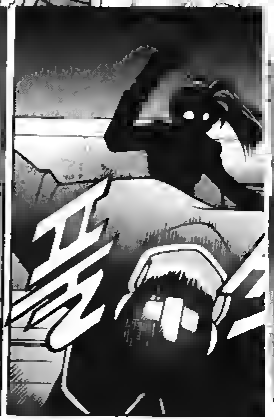
I CAN'T SEE THE GUARDS ON THE ROOF.

...

ARE THEY HERE?

OOH!



GOOD. LET'S HURRY. THEY'LL FIND OUT SOON.
OKAY.

LET'S GO!
Fwoosh

SO... THEY'RE HERE!
BETTER BEAT IT FOR NOW!
타닷
WHAT AWFUL MANNERS WHEN WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER FOR SO LONG!
HELLO.
Shunk
YOP!
EEK!

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS DAY SINCE WE LAST MET. DON'T RUN OFF YET.
HUH. IT'S AN HONOR. WE WOULDN'T DREAM OF IT.
YOU THINK ROMANY IS THAT EASY?
FEEL FREE!
IF YOU'RE SO GLAD TO SEE US, I GUESS WE CAN GET STRAIGHT TO BUSINESS
WHAT KIND OF LOOK IS THAT?
YOU'RE SO PRETTY, MISS VALENTINE...
NOTHING. I'M JUST GLAD TO SEE YOU AFTER SO LONG
KA-CHOW!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT CAME FROM THE VAULT!
IT'S A TERRORIST ATTACK!
CALL THE FIRE TRUCKS!
HELP!
YOU GUYS HAVE REALLY STOOPED TO A NEW LOW. USING BOMBS NOW, HUH?
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON EITHER, YOU DUMMY! CAN'T YOU TELL?
I DON'T THINK SHE'S LYING I'M GOING TO GET DOWN THERE YOU TAKE CARE OF THE ROMANY
STOP TALKING AND JUST GO.
OKAY!
!

WAH!
DARN!
YOU SAID YOU'D TAKE CARE OF IT!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF MY STUFF.
MAN!
IT'S NOT EASY TO BE ALONE WITH YOU.
I DON'T LIKE THAT SMILE.

WHAT THE?
HAS IT...
NO WAY!
WHAT THE?!
HE'S STILL HERE.

BLAZIN'
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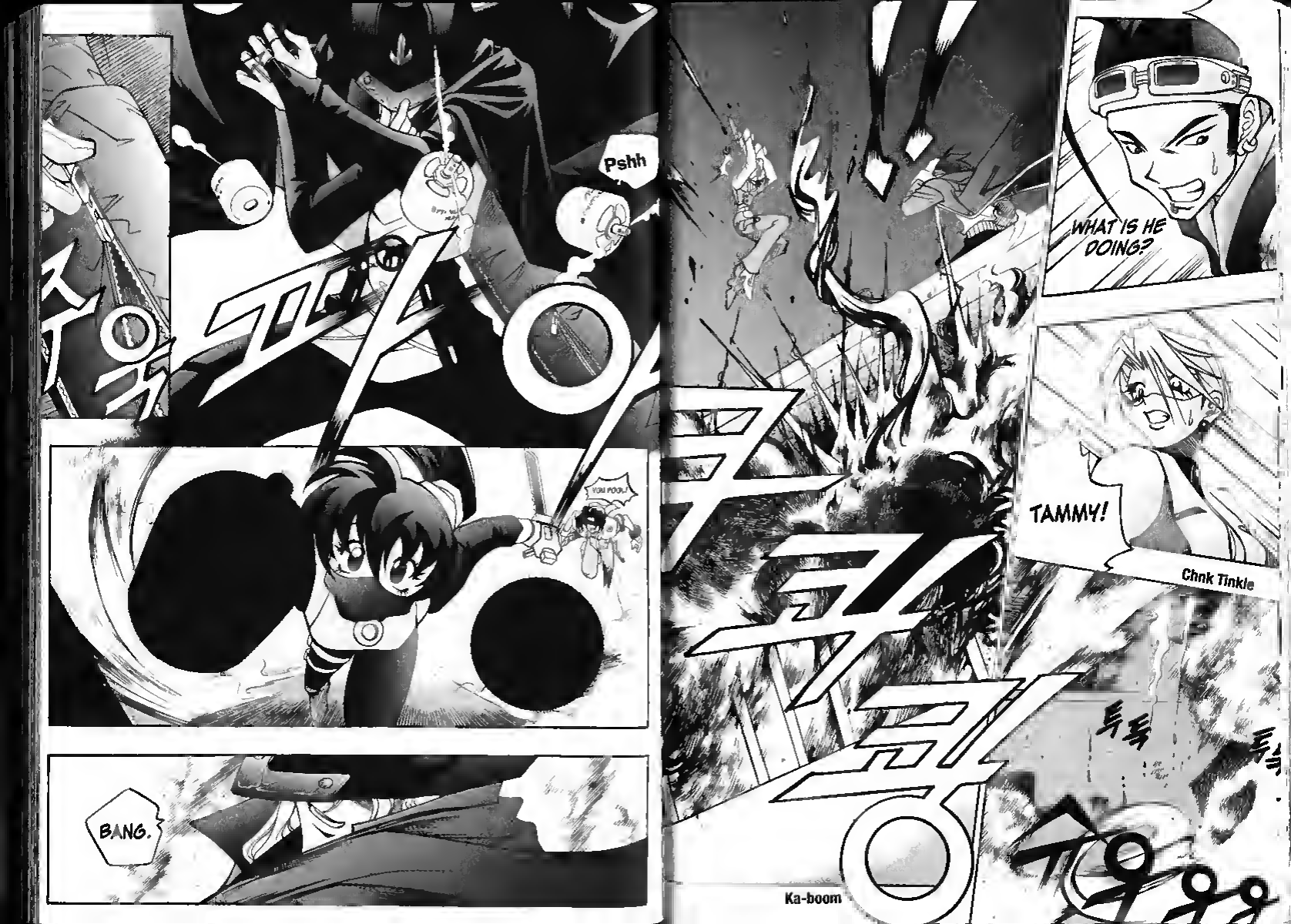
HA HA!
WELCOME, LADY OF DARKNESS.
DID YOU DO THIS?
NATURALLY.
YOU KNEW WE WERE COMING WHAT, ARE YOU CHALLENGING US?
CHALLENGE..
...IS A WORD THAT A VICTOR USES FOR THOSE TRYING TO ASCEND.

I'M THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS ON TOP. AND A FIREWORK ARTIST.
I, FIRE BOMBER, WILL TAKE YOU AS MY CHALLENGERS.
Flare-chan all right!
HA HA HA!
?!
SO THE RUMOR ABOUT YOUR BARBARISM IS TRUE.
HA HA! SURELY YOU'RE NOT GONNA FALL FOR THAT?
GOOD ENOUGH.
BARBARIC? SEE WHAT BARBARIC FEELS LIKE!
YOU IMPETUOUS AMOEBA!
THAT'S FINE WITH US.


Pshh
YOU FOOL!
BANG.
WHAT IS HE DOING?
TAMMY!
Chnk Tinkle
Ka-boom

URGH.
HE WAS WEARING BOMBS?
STING...
HEY, ARE YOU DEAD?
...

HIS HEART...
I CAN'T HEAR HIS HEARTBEAT.
HA HA.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD THIS KIND OF TRICK. COME ON, STOP PLAYING GAMES AND GET UP.
TSK TSK. HE GAVE UP HIS LIFE FOR YOU, LADY.
I SALUTE HIS CHIVALRY.
HE'D BE ALIVE IF HE HADN'T TRIED TO PROTECT YOU. POOR GUY.
HA HA HA HA!!

KNH!
Bang
SHE PIERCED MY CAPE?

ARGH! SHE SCRATCHED MY FACE!
EEK! YOU'RE NO LADY!
TAKE THIS!
Slash

BLAZIN' BARRELS

NEXT VOLUME

STING

KISKE

TAMMY

FOUR BEARS

Tammy, believing that Sting has kicked the bucket, vows to exact vengeance on the ruthless Fire Bomber during his next fiery heist. However, even chivalry can't keep a good man down, and after brushing off the ashes, Sting finds he is very much alive, and still in need of that bounty on the Romany's heads!

BLAZIN' BARRELS

RANDOM
SCANS